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For: **METHOD FOR THE PURIFICATION OF AN N-TERMINAL FRAGMENT OF  
HEPATOCTE GROWTH FACTOR**

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2008, applicants respectfully request the following amendments and remarks be made of record in the above-identified application. Applicants' response is due on or before September 18, 2008.

Please amend claims 1 to 3, 5, and 6 and add claims 7 to 11 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.